

Welton Primary School
Elloughtonthorpe Way
Welton
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Dear Families of Welton Primary School,

I just wanted to write to you all to say we think of you every day and hope you are all staying safe and well in these most challenging of times.

It seems that we haven't seen you all for months and months, the weeks do not pass quickly without you all in school to speak to and catch up with. It is a highlight of the day when we see our families walking past and even better when we manage a quick chat through the window!

Having spoken to colleagues, friends and family about the impact of self-isolation and staying home I think Mrs Saleh and I have been blessed to come to work each day and have the reassurance of routine and some kind of normality. The few days I spent at home recently with a daughter studying and a husband "working" from home gave me an insight into the different pressures and challenges we are all facing.

It is not for me to thank the community for staying home to keep our most vulnerable loved ones and critical workers safe but as our community enters into the most crucial phase of staying home as we face the peak of the impact of this virus I do want to thank you for all the sacrifices you are making to work together as a community to look after your children at home.

I found this poem about family which I thought may revive us as our resilience and tolerance is tested in ways it might not have been before:

I Love You All, My Family

When monsters lurked beneath my bed
And scary dreams ran through my head,
When thunder growled those sounds I dread,
There you were,
My family.

When scuffed up knees made me cry,
Soft hankies wiped my sad eyes dry,
Coaxing me each time I tried.
You were always there,
My family.

Who held my hand when I was scared?
Ate candy that they should have shared?
The things I did because you dared,
My family.

In times of trouble, times of need,
I feel such strength surrounding me,
Without whose love I can't succeed.
I love you all, my family.

With the kindest regards and warmest wishes

Mrs Pidgeon